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L. S. G. (1924) Department.

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G.O. No. 831 P.H

DATED 30-5-1924

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical institutions - Local Fund and Municipal - South Kanara District Shankaranarayana dispensary - Closure - Opening an Ayurvedic dispensary Instead - Not objected to.

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DEPARTMENT.

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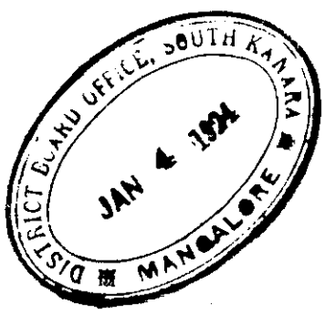

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Subject.

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Requesting Government to accord sanction to open an ——— at ——— Shankaranarayana in place of the Allopathic dispensary.

ENCLOSURES.

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Reference No. 13(7)/23

Station Coondapoor, *Dated the* 28th December 1923.

From (Name) M.R.Ry. A. Madappaya Avergal

(Designation) President Taluk Board, Coondapoor

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government Department.

Thro the President District Board Kanara.

Sir,

I am the honour to state that the [illegible] average attendance in the Shankaranarayana dispensary in the last [illegible] year 1922-23 was only 12.29. There is no improvement in the current year also. People of Shankaranarayana and of the surrounding villages do not realise the benefit of Allopathic medicine. The Taluk Board has therefore resolved in its resolution no. 453 dated 15th December 1923 to [illegible]

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an Ayurvedic II class dispensary in place of the present Allopathic Dispensary.

2. I therefore request that you will be so good as to move Government to accord their sanction for the proposal sanctioned by the Taluk Board.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant

H. Jagannath

Naidu.

HRR
24.12.23

Asst.
1.1.24

No.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Taluk Board of Coondapoor, dated 5th Dec 1923.

PRESENT:

C. R. Rs. A. Nadaffaya Bunga ... Taluk
S. Anthaya Shetty "
A. Ramana Shetty "
Kanoji Sagabpa "
K. Laxminarayana Kamath Bregal
P. Narasimha Karantha
K. Venkat Rao
J. Narsoppa Shetty
Rao Sahib R. D'Souza

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"53. Read proposal re the grant of Rs. 500 for the Sanskrit School referred to the Standing Committee on Taluk Board Resol. No. 243 23-10-23.

Standing Committee's Resol.

"The Committee recommends that in view of the Government Order No. 1 dated 1-11-23 the Sanskrit School at Shankaranarayana in lieu of the Government Order No. 1 dated 1-11-23 the Standing Committee is declined

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True Extract/

President,
Taluk Board
Coondapoor

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DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE, SUBJ... JAN 10 1924 MANGALORE

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To,

The President
District Board
S. Kanara.
Mangalore

C. No. 136 / D. B. / 24

S. Kanara

Humble memorial of the residents of Shankarnarayana and adjoining villages.

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Dated 7th January 1924

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Sri Shankaranarayana Bova Sumarayana

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TO Secretary Local Self Govt Department Madras

Recd. here at 12.H. 46 M.

May withhold decision Regarding Country Taluk Boards Proposal Converting Lease Desp. any Harkumarayan Ayurvedic Village Submitting within fortnight Memorials against Proposal etc. writing Thanks Subrayandha

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

L. S. G. (P. H.) Dept.

H. Coondapoor Dt. Bd. has not yet submitted any proposal to convert his desp.t. Submitted that this may await ~~its receipt~~. be lodged.

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Vakady Hanumanth Prabhu

S. Shankaranarayana vs S. narayana.

Signedly Thank appa Shetty residing at Bokavi Village

L. S. G. (P.H.) Dept.

The Govt. cannot compel the Taluk Bd. to maintain his dispy. No further action is necessary This may be dropped

Submitted for perusal

may be submitted to M, for perusal.

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L.S.G. 10-1-24 00789

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M. Ramaraya Shenoi
Thimmaraya Bhat
S. Narayana

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Mukal Vamana Nayak

N. Dis on C. No 92/24
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Endorsement by M. R. Ry Rao Bahadur N. Subba Rao Avargal, President, District Board, South Kanara.

Forwarded to Government together with a memorial dated 7th January 1924 received by me from the residents of Shankernaraina and adjoining villages protesting against the Taluk Board's proposal to convert the present Allopathic dispensary at Shankernaraina into an Ayurvedic one.

2. The District Medical Officer who was present at the retrenchment committee meeting held recently expressed his opinion that if finances do not permit it is better to close the allopathic dispensaries than to convert them into Ayurvedic ones.

President, District Board,
South Kanara.

Mangalore, 15th January 1924

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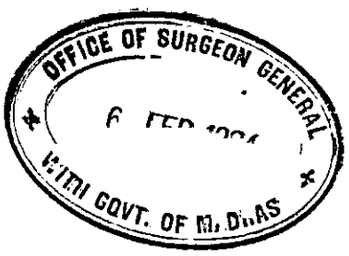
L.S.G (P.H.) Dept

Cno. 1679

Subject: Closure of allopathic dispensary & opening an Ayurvedic one in its place - Sankaranarayanan S. Kanara Dt.



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Certain memorials received earlier on the subject have been circulated to M, on 12.1.24. These papers may await Hon'ble Minister's orders thereon.

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It is not necessary to wait for the G.O. As far as I remember, the memorials were submitted to M, for perusal.

TBR.
25/1/24

DS.

The Govt need not, it is submitted, interfere with the decision of the Taluk Board to convert the Allopathic dispy into an Ayurvedic one. The present policy is to give a free hand to local bodies in regard to med institns other than those at Taluk headquarters. A draft order is submitted for approval.

2. The question however arises whether in the case of institutions which were built partly out of Govt grants, the local bodies should be required to refund the amount of the grant in case they decide to close the dispensaries. It does not appear that the Govt have a legal claim to refund as the grants were made without any conditions. In the case of grants to private hospitals, the Govt make it a condition that the buildings should be used for the purpose intended for not less than 20 years from the date of payment of the grants. A similar condition may in future be enforced in the case of d.t. hospitals & disps. also in view of the increasing tendency of local bodies to close their institutions.

kw 3/1/24. The H.Q. may perhaps see the case before the Dept. issues.

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S. G. O. No. 1679-H dt 5/2/24

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L.S.G. Dept

It does not seem possible for the Govt to insist that local bodies should continue to maintain all the existing dispensaries at outlying stations, unless they are prepared to undertake the responsibility for financing them. The object of the Govt in deciding to subsidise the Taluk headquarter institns was to ensure that there should be at least one efficient allopathic institn in every taluk. So long as this is assured it seems unnecessary to ~~restrict~~ interfere with the discretion of local bodies as regards other institns.

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2. The S.G. seems to be under the impression that the medical schools are maintained ~~to train~~ for the sole purpose of staffing the Govt and L.F. med. institutions and that it is unnecessary to multiply the number of qualified med. men unless they can be provided with appointments. He fears that medical men will have no work unless they hold appts under the Govt or local bodies. It is doubtful whether the Govt will be prepared to subscribe to this view. The number of qualified medical men in this Country has been recognised to be far below the requirements. With the gradual increase

in their number, it may be expected that more + more med. men will settle down in rural areas + thus bring med. relief within easier reach of the people. It does not appear likely that the indigenous systems will entirely supersede the Western system; in any case there will be ample scope for practitioners of the Allopathic system for a long time to come, until the indigenous systems develope + become efficient + self sufficient in all branches of medicine.

3. For orders whether the draft may issue.

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T.B.R. 29/4

In view of the memorials recd I think we should hesitate to allow this. A very important general question is involved. I suggest that S.G. be asked to discuss the matter with M.

BM 1.4.14.

M. S.G. may be asked to submit his views in the matter 4.12.4.14

pm 14.4 DS.

A draft m.o. note is subm. for approval.

Ism 19/4.

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sent to S.Gen. 1679-20 4/4/14

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L.S.Srivastava

M.O. note.

Closure of allopathic dispensaries and opening of ayurvedic institutions.

In connection with the proposal of the Coonjaqua Taluk Board to close the dispensary at Sankaranarayanam and to open an ayurvedic dispensary in its place, the Surgeon General has raised the question of the policy to be adopted by the Govt on the subject. The question is one necessity for carrying out programmes for extending medical education on Western lines, as he fears that the allopathic doctors turned out of these schools will have no work, if local bodies are allowed to have their own way in the matter of closing down medical institutions.

2. The policy of the Govt (as decided recently) is to ensure that there shall be at least one efficient medical institution on Western lines in every taluk. With this object they have undertaken to bear the salaries of the medical staff of all Taluk head quarters institutions. It is doubtful whether they will be prepared

to undertake a similar responsibility in respect of all outlying dispensaries. If not, then it will be difficult to prevent local bodies closing their institutions at their discretion.

3— The Med! schools are not, moreover, maintained with the sole object of staffing Govt and local fund med! institns. It has been recognised that the number of med. men available for the population of this Presidency is very inadequate. An increase in their number is therefore necessary, ~~urgently called for, It is of little consequence~~ even though Govt cannot provide them with salaried appts. ~~at once.~~ The indigenous systems are, moreover, not likely to ~~entirely~~ supersede entirely the allopathic system, at any rate in a considerable time to come.

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4— As a very important general question is involved, the Surgeon General is requested (H.O.) to favour Govt with his considered views on the subject. S. G. (H.O.)

19.4.24

Letter 1679-2 dtd 28/4/24

KDS 4/4/24.

P.T.O.

I am fully aware that the Colleges and schools are intended for the education of private as well as Government students, also that it is the intention of Government for these private pupils to be scattered over the Presidency to supply the needs and administer to the medical wants of the vast population which exists, particularly in the rural areas.

Unfortunately, however, in actual practice the greater proportion of ~~all~~ private practitioners do not settle in the rural areas, as it was wished they would do by Government. On the contrary, they flock into the large towns like Madras, Madura, Trichinopoly, Calicut and so on.. in fact all head-quarters towns, and those, where rich people are supposed to reside, like Mayavaram and Kumbakonam.

The rural population in the true sense of the term where there are no Government dispensaries are left to the tender mercies of the exponents of Ayurvedic, Unani systems of Medicine and quacks. I have frequently asked Sub Assistant Surgeons why they persist in flocking into the large towns and their answer is invariably "They are not able to make a living in the outlying towns and villages in the districts".. Only a few months ago a Civil Assistant Surgeon who had been in practice in Madras had to proceed to his native place for 6 months to attend to his affairs (litigation). When he returned to Madras he found his practice had "gone" and so he came to me for a Government appointment. I suggested he should return to his own district where he was known and build up a practice. His reply was "It was hopeless and he could never make a living amongst people who though willing to spend much money on litigation were unwilling to call in a pucca doctor. Truly an instance of "A Physician not being honoured in his own country."

This question is closely connected with that of Grants to Local Bodies for medical institutions.

The Government are ~~now~~ committed to give medical aid to the population of the Presidency over which it rules, and the question to my mind, which forces itself

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the forefront of the picture is, that aid to be on sound Western Allopathic lines ~~in which case~~ as many medical men as possible should be turned out from the Medical Colleges and Schools. If Government intend to foster the Ayurvedic and Unani systems, I feel sure that the Allopathic system in the rural areas will be ousted by the Ayurvedic systems, because the various local bodies consider it so much cheaper.

Again if the exponents of the Allopathic system is to be expected to go out into the rural areas he will only do do as long as he is paid by Government. The local body of the present day is in favour of dispensing with the medical man supplied by Government and substituting a cheaper product.

T. S. Jayaram

3/5/24

SECRETARY TO GOVT. LOCAL SELF GOVT. DEPARTMENT
8 MAY 1924
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~~From~~ S. (G.O. No.)
R 1187 E
7-5-24.

To

The Secy to Govt.
G.S. (G.) (P.H.) Dept.
Madras.

Sir,

L.S.G. Dept.

The question raised by the S.G. resolves itself to whether ~~the Govt~~, & if so to what extent, the Govt will be prepared to undertake financial responsibility for the maintenance of allopathic medical institutions in rural areas, i.e., outside taluk headquarters stations. This question is under separate consideration in a general file on the subject (now under reference to S.G.).

It seems unnecessary to delay the issue of orders in the present case till the general question is decided. The S.G.'s note may be considered along with the general question for orders whether the draft may issue.

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The draft may issue; the 2nd paragraph is however not quite necessary. It may generally be presumed that a local body has carefully considered all the circumstances before it passes a resolution regarding a matter of this importance, which is to go up to the Govt.

2. The S. G. appears to have some doubt regarding the policy of Govt re Ayurvedic & Unani systems of medicine; he says "if Govt intends to foster the Ayurvedic & Unani systems, I feel sure that the allopathic system in the rural areas will be ousted by the ayurvedic systems, because the various local bodies consider it so much cheaper. ~~The S.G. ought, I think~~, I think the S.G. must either know or be told what the policy of Govt is as regards this question. Otherwise the S.G. & the Govt will be continually at cross-purposes.

3. The provision in the Budget (Rs 20,000) for encouragement of these systems of medicine is, I think a fair & sufficient indication of the Govt's policy in the matter.

4. In the present case, however, it is not a case of the Govt fostering the Ayurvedic system, but of the

I fear this cannot be presumed. The second para. should stand in view of the memorials received. In view of the facts that I had noted on this file and that a very important question is involved D.S. should have sent this file through me

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12.5.24

M.I.

I regret I did not send this through the Secy.

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13.5.24

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There is no harm in allowing the 2nd para to stand. We presume the local body has considered the objections to the closure of the dispensary. If they have not done so it is open to them to revise their decision. The discretion is with them

K. 27.5.24.

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Govt. not preventing a local body from doing what it is by law entitled to do – i.e. to close an allopathic dispensary and to start an Ayurvedic dispensary instead. This dept. – L.S.G. – should, I think, be the last to create new fetters for local bodies in a matter touching so intimately the sentiments & prejudices of the people at large.

Mr. ✓ HDA 13.5.24

The Acts of 1920 allow local bodies to exercise their discretion in providing medical relief within their jurisdictions. The Govt. do not propose to stand in the way of local bodies exercising this discretion. I wonder why the S.G. shd. feel worried about the cheapness of the indigenous medical treatment. If this treatment is cheap without being effective the allopaths need not fear of being ousted. Certainly life is greater than a sense of false patriotism. Sentiment will have no place when life is at stake. If on the other hand the indigenous treatment is cheap & effective even in a comparative sense it is one which cannot be discarded. There is a general demand in the Province for the encouragement of the Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of medicine. Let us give them a reasonable chance & see if they can stand even to supplement medical relief by allopaths.

C. 16.5.24

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L.S.G (P.H.) Dept

Subject Closure of allopathic Dispensary at Sankaranarayana S. Kanara Dt.

Cno 167 from the P.D.B Coondapur 1317 dt 28.12.23
Endt of the P.D.B S. Kanara No. 929 dt 15.1.24
Order 831 P.H. dt 30/5/24

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The President of the Coondapur tk. bd. is informed that the sanction of the Govt. is not necessary for the closure of the allopathic dispensary at Sankaranarayana, nor for opening a new Ayurvedic dispensary. The expenditure on the latter should however be borne wholly by the Taluka Board and no Govt grant will be admissible.

2. The Govt have received several memorials protesting against the proposal, and they presume that the Board has decided to take this step after a very careful consideration of all the circumstances.

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